

St Anne Line Catholic Church

WELCOME to the weekly newsletter of the Catholic Church of St Anne Line in South Woodford!

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Pentecost Sunday– Year C

Message of the week

From the treatise "Against the Heresies" by St Irenaeus

The sending of the Holy Spirit

When the Lord told his disciples to go and teach all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, he conferred on them the power of giving men new life in God.

He had promised through the prophets that in these last days he would pour out his Spirit on his servants and handmaids, and that they would prophesy. So when the Son of God became the Son of Man, the Spirit also descended upon him, becoming accustomed in this way to dwelling with the human race, to living in men and to inhabiting God's creation. The Spirit accomplished the Father's will in men who had grown old in sin, and gave them new life in Christ.

Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord's ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that men of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and scattered tribes, restored to unity by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the first-fruits of all the nations.

This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: he was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven. And like parched ground, which yields no harvest unless it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit without this abundant rainfall from above. Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul.

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of God came down upon the Lord, and the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church, sending the Advocate from heaven into all the world into which, according to his own words, the devil too had been cast down like lightning.

If we are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our accuser, we need an advocate as well. And so the Lord in his pity for man, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having himself bound up his wounds and left for his care two coins bearing the royal image, entrusted him to the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Spirit, the image and inscription of the Father and the Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the coin committed to our charge and make it yield a rich profit for the Lord.

<https://universalis.com/europe.england.brentwood/20250608/readings.htm>

Fr Barto

Mass Intentions 7th June– 15th June 2025

Saturday 7th Sunday Vigil Mass- 1st Saturday

9.30am Larry & baby John Keating

6.30pm Pentecost vigil - Confirmations

Sunday 8th Pentecost Sunday

9.30am Jeanette Adu-Bobie Ints

11am People of the Parish

12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

Monday 9th (celebrated privately)

Holy Souls

Tuesday 10th

7pm Mario Farina (anniv)

Wednesday 11th

9.30am Dec'd Martin family

Thursday 12th

9.30am Bob & Anne Power RIP

Friday 13th

9.30am Peter Neve RIP

Saturday 14th Sunday Vigil Mass

9.30am Fr Barto Ints

6.30pm Angela Yen Ints

Sunday 15th Trinity Sunday

9.30am Gloria Isaza Ints

11am People of the Parish

12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

From Wednesday to Saturday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **8.45am.**

Morning prayer **9.10am**

Holy Rosary **10.00am**

Confession is after weekday morning Mass (Wednesday to Saturday) on Saturday evening before the 6.30pm Vigil Mass and on Sunday before the Holy Masses.

Confessions can be heard in English, Spanish and Romanian.

DILEXIT NOS (He loved us)- We invite all parishioners to read and study together Pope Francis' encyclical – Tuesday evenings after the 7pm Mass.

LECTIO DIVINA

We pray Lectio Divina after morning mass each Friday. Come along and find out more.

DATES FOR NEW BAPTISM COURSE

The baptism course for parents continues on Tuesday 10 June at 6.30pm in the hall. Please speak to Rev Alan if you have any questions.

DAY OF ADORATION FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI – VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED - On **Thursday 19 June** from 10am to 7pm. We are looking for volunteers for hourly slots. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church

MARY'S MEALS- THIS WEEKEND

The charity, based in Scotland, serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. We welcome Irene Gomes for the Saturday Vigil, and David Chapman on Sunday morning

Calvin Bailey MP voted in support of Assisted suicide in November 2024.

To fight against Assisted suicide becoming legalised, please sign the petition at the back of the church. Only parishioners who belong to Calvin Bailey's constituency should sign this petition.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

This Sunday, 8 June at 4pm in Church.

COFFEE MORNING - 8 JUNE

After the 9.30am and 11am Masses. In the hall.

SUMMER HAMPER RAFFLE

Tickets will be on sale from this weekend. £1 per ticket

SUMMER BBQ 5 JULY 2025, 12- 4pm

Reflexology appointments available -£10 per session. Contact Tina Marrai.

Bottles and raffle prizes, requesting potted plants for the summer BBQ's plant stall still needed for Parish Social events.

MASS CARDS FOR SALE IN THE PORCH

We have a new stock of different Mass cards in the porch. Please leave the money in the wall box. Fr Barto will be happy to sign the card for you.

WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE FORMS

Are available in the porch as you enter for the Sacraments, (FHC & Confirmation) and for nursery, primary & secondary Catholic Schools. Complete one per child and drop the completed form into the box provided as you leave Church.

CONFERENCE- HOPE & PROSPECTS FOR THE PAPACY OF LEO XIV – A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

On Friday 20th June from 18.30 to 20.30 at the St. Augustine Centre, 55 Fulham Palace Road, Hammersmith, London W6 8AU. Guest of honour is HE the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia. Conference fee £40.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday 21 June - if you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year or would like to attend as a family, please let Fr Barto know.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025

From Friday 18 to Friday 25 July. For further information, 'phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: Brentwood Lourdes Pilgrimage - Tangney Tours

MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 20-22 June
www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 0788 7296983

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP

Offering a week's holiday for 100 children this summer. For children age 9-12 (school year 5-7), from within the Brentwood Diocese. The direct link for a child's application is:

https://Johnsoco.formstack.com/forms/bosco_child_application_form_2025

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

Please see the list of items needed in the porch.

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Teacher of Music with TLR, Full or Part time, Permanent, September 2025 or January 2026

Teacher of Spanish with TLR, Full time, Permanent, September 2025

Teacher of Science with TLR, Full time, Permanent, September 2025

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Afternoon Club Meet in the hall at 2pm on Wednesday 18 June 2025

Table tennis. Every Friday 3-5pm. Contact Liz on 07403 649306.

Last weekend Mass attendance was 234. Thank you very much for your offerings for the main collection and the collection for Tubi Mission – Marsabit, Kenya.

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<https://www.facebook.com/SaintAnneLine/>

Diocese of Brentwood website:

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/>



YEAR OF JUBILEE

Web resources - 1) Pilgrims of Hope -

<https://saintanneline.com/year-of-jubilee-pilgrims-of-hope/> 2) The Word -

<https://saintanneline.com/parish-bulletins/>

YEAR OF JUBILEE APP

The 'jubilaum25' app can be downloaded to your phones.



Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 9-15 June

Margaret Doyle, Pat Magorian, Josephine Few, Mrs O'Regan, B. De Souza, Leonard John Collins, Bridget Joyce, Canute Nazareth, Peter Forbes Lejeune, Fr Thomas Carlin, Bridie Anna Aylward, George Wilson and Leo Kalinauckas, Timothy Moriarty, Miss E Petry, Frank Lavery.

PARISH OFFICE (IN THE PRESBYTERY)

The Parish secretary is in the office on

Monday afternoons (not on Bank holidays),

Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Please also check the notice boards in the porch and our parish website for other news and information.

Pope's Prayer Intention for June:

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

Pope's Special Request Prayer:

May the Virgin Mary bless families everywhere and sustain them in their trials. I think especially of those families suffering due to war in the Middle East, in Ukraine and in other parts of the world. May the Mother of God help us to press forward together on the path of peace

Please use the QR code for your weekly offertory. It is a safe and easy method to donate. Do Gift Aid if you are a Taxpayer.

